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KRS Dam records 101.15 tmcft inflow from July 1 to Aug. 1

Surpasses 78 tmcft received in 2023

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (AG&BCT)- The Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna Taluk of Mandya District has experienced a significant increase in water inflow, with 101.15 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) recorded from 8.30 am on July 1 to 8.30 am on Aug. 1, according to the data from the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

Typically, June marks the onset of the Southwest Monsoon in Kerala and Karnataka. However, this year saw a weak and delayed start, resulting in insufficient rainfall during June. From 8.30 am on June 1 to 8.30 am on July 1, the KRS Dam received only 8.66 tmcft. In contrast, a substantial inflow of 101.15 tmcft was recorded from July 1 to Aug. 1.

The total inflow into the KRS Dam from June 1 to Aug. 1, 2024, reached 109.81 tmcft, with the bulk of this — 101.15 tmcft — occurring in July alone. The Dam has a gross capacity of 49.45 tmcft.

(See KRS on page 6)

I'm not afraid of any notice

Chief Minister tells Governor

Gehlot Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BLU&DM)- Taking strong exception to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's show-cause notice regarding the multi-crore scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) where 14 sites were given to his wife under the 50:50 ratio, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asserted that he is not scared of such notices and is ready to wage a legal battle.

Speaking to reporters at the Mysore Airport this morning, Siddaramaiah accused the Governor of being a puppet of the BJP-led Central Government. He alleged that the Governor was acting on the behest of the Centre and State BJP and JD(S) leaders.

Siddaramaiah firmly denied any involvement in the MUDA scam, as claimed by Opposition leaders. "Since I have committed no wrongdoing, I am not concerned about the Governor's actions or the Opposition's attacks. I became Chief Minister with the support of 136 Congress MLAs and it seems the Governor is siding with the BJP-JD(S) combine to unseat me. By issuing this show-cause notice, Gehlot has misused the Raj Bhavan following instructions from the Centre," he said.

(See NOTICE on page 7)

Last Ashada Friday: Heavy rush at Chamundi Hill Temple

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, CM's wife Parvathi seek blessings

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (MTY&VNS)- Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill witnessed huge rush with devotees from Mysuru and surrounding districts arriving in large numbers compared to previous Fridays to seek blessings of the presiding deity on the occasion of last Ashada Friday, this morning.

The devotees, who arrived at the hilltop as early as 3 am, were standing in long queues till the mains door of the temple was opened at 6 am. People were also seen waiting in special darshan queues purchasing Rs. 50 and Rs. 300 tickets.

Earlier, the temple priests headed by chief priest Dr. N. Shashishekar Dixit performed special puja rituals which included *Mahanyasapurvaka Rudrabhisheka, Rudrabhisheka, Sahasranamarchane, Archane* among others before the doors were open to the devotees.

On the occasion of last Ashada Friday, the temple premises was decorated with colourful flowers and the deity donned the *Nagalakshmi alankara*. Like previous occasions, both district and city Police had provided security at hill with Police personnel keeping a hawk-eye on public movement. Meanwhile, with the ban on private vehicles to the hill, special bus arrangements were made by district administration from the grounds near Lalitha Mahal Palace. Devotees were seen parking their vehicles at the designated parking areas to board the buses.

A large number of devotees also reached the hill top through the steps with many offering puja to each of the step. Suttur Mutt, located at the foot of Chamundi Hill, also provided *prasadam* to devotees visiting the Chamundi Hill. Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, CM Siddaramaiah's wife B.M. Parvathi, Nikhil Kumaraswamy along with his wife and son and MLA G.D. Harish Gowda were among the VIPs who visited the temple.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Junior Pontiff Sri Jayarajendra Swamiji personally distributed *prasadam* to devotees at Mutt premises.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 2nd August 2024

MYCAS College launches Podcast Series

Mysuru, Aug. 2- MYCAS College in city, affiliated to University of Mysore, recently launched its "Podcast Series: The Tea That Matters."

The series featured K.S. Sundar, Associate Vice-President of Infosys Limited. This podcast focussed on skill gaps and Infosys springboard initiative.

"This initiative aims to bring educative and insightful conversations with industry leaders and experts to the forefront," according to G. Ramacharan, Director Operations at MYCAS College.

Podcasts are available on College's YouTube channel, **MYCAS College.**

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REMEMBER, YOU ARE SELDOM REMEMBERED: ***It is a common sight when you visit any monument in our country, protected or otherwise. You are bound to notice the names of the visitors etched on the pillars, walls, carvings, etc., disfiguring the art and serenity with the sole objective of commemorating oneself. But least of all, they don't realise that, in the majority of cases, we are ignorant of the great king or queen who built the monument itself and who has time to remember the etched names on the walls. It always inflicts on my conscious a deep wound when I witness an architectural grandeur disfigured by invaders, conquerors who are bent upon destroying a glorious civilisation. Not long ago, Bamiyan Buddha, a 55-metre-tall, 1500-year-old carving of Buddha, was bombarded to pieces in Afghanistan by the Taliban, erasing a legacy.***

During the recently concluded Cricket T20 World Cup tournament in the mesmerising West Indies, a famous critic happened to visit an unlikely venue in no way connected with the unfolding intensely competitive sport. It happened to be a non-descript cemetery in Bridgetown where the cricketing great Malcolm Marshall is laid to rest. Malcolm Marshall played for the West Indies between 1978 and 1991 in 81 Test matches, scalping 376 wickets, a world record for his time. He was a dreaded fast bowler, instilling fear in batsmen of his time who faced his fiery deliveries. He played a pivotal role in the 1979 and 1983 One-Day World Cups.

The reporter who visited the cemetery was pained to see the grave of the legendary cricketer in shambles, untended, uncared for, and in utter disdain. None of the cemetery caretakers or the concerned parish were even aware of the accomplishments of the West Indies cricket hero of yesteryear. Every human being strives hard to leave an indelible mark on his family, relatives, friends, surroundings, and society, and one leaves no stone unturned to achieve it without even realising how futile it is. Your performance of the day may be lauded but will be seldom remembered when you are off the stage, rendering all your efforts in carving out an immortal space in posterity nothing but futile. Remember, you are seldom remembered after your time.

—Gururaja Ramanagara in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

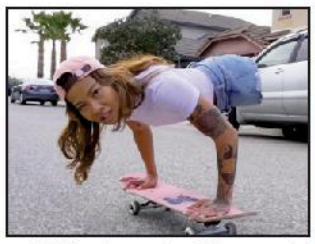
Italian man pulls planes while hand-walking

Paris: An Italian man pulled three small planes while walking on his hands to break a Guinness World Record. Matteo Pavone broke the record for the most light aircrafts pulled by walking on hands with his successful attempt in Castelnuovo Don Bosco, Asti, Italy.

Pavone said he turned to more unusual athletic pursuits after a series of injuries forced him to quit rugby.

"The worst of them was a bad back injury. The doctors said I could never play sport again, but they were wrong. I'm proud of this record, but I'm also not satisfied about the final result. I'm sure I can pull four aircrafts or even more, so I'll try to do that as soon as I can." His training included yoga, cardio and strength training. Pavone said he plans to surpass his own record.

Skateboarder's handstand breaks record



California: A 31-year-old woman born without legs broke a Guinness World Record by skateboarding in the handstand position for 19.65 seconds.

Kanya Sesser, a former Paralympic track athlete and lifelong skateboarder, took on the challenge in Los Angeles and successfully broke the record for the longest handstand on a skateboard in the LA3 category, which refers to an absence of both legs from above the knees.

Sesser, who was born in Thailand and came to the United States when she was adopted at the age of 5, told Guinness World Records that breaking the record is "one of the life-changing career moments that have happened to me."

Sesser also has successful careers as a model and actor.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Last date for admission to CMA course extended

Mysuru, Aug. 2- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Mysuru Chapter, has announced that the last date for admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of **CMA (Cost and Management Accountants)** is extended up to Aug.10 for December 2024 term examination.

Interested candidates may contact Mysuru Chapter of The institute of Cost Accountants of India at # 1420, 7th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru, between 10 am and 12 noon or 5 pm and 7.30 pm on all working days. For details call Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 97317-89222, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works at South Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Silk Factory Circle, Post Office Road, NIE College Circle, Police Quarters and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer NR Mohalla Division.

50 percent discount on books

Kannada Book Authority (KBA) has announced 50 percent discount on books for the month of August on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations. The books are available at Sirigannada Book store at Authority premises in Bengaluru & Sirigannada Book stores across the State and at the Office of the Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture in all districts. The books are also available for sale on discounted rates online. Interested may log on to ***https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in*** according to press release by KBA Administrative Officer K.B. Kiran Singh.

Coaching classes

Competitive Examination Training Centre of Karnataka State Open University will be conducting coaching classes for a period of 45 days for aspirants of K-SET, UGC-NET and JRF examinations. Last date for registration is Aug. 9. Interested candidates can register their names by visiting the training centre at KSOU premises. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944.

Entrance Exam

Vidyavardhaka FGC, PG Centre will be conducting free coaching classes for students appearing for PGCET-2024-25 M.Com Entrance Exam conducted by University of Mysore from Aug. 5 to 8 at the College premises. Interested students can contact Ph: 0821-2420284, Mob: 99012-93396, 99006-45644 or 96866-16422.

Limericks invited

Mysuru Zilla Chutuku Sahitya Parishat and Mysuru Zilla Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Women's Wing will be jointly organising a District-level Chutuku (Limerick) Kavigosti on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations. Interested can send three Limericks authored by them along with their introduction before Aug. 10. Limericks may be sent to Dr. Rathna Halappagowda, President, Mysuru Zilla Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, No. 596, 4th Main, 9th Cross, E & F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru - 570022, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 98863-44524.

Wayanad landslides: District teams deployed for rescue

The team of doctors from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts enroute to Wayanad, seen at Bavali Check-Post in H.D. Kote.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (RK&BS)- A 17-member team of officers from the district, including medical specialists and allied staff, has been deployed to Wayanad in neighbouring Kerala to assist with rescue operations following recent landslides.

The team, consisting of members from various departments, will be stationed in Wayanad from July 31 to Aug. 5, or until further notice.

According to a circular issued by Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, the following are the officers deputed to Kerala, entrusting them with certain responsibilities: Joint Director of Agriculture Department Chandrashekar, Deputy Director of Fisheries Manjunath, Assistant Director of Tourism Prabhuraj, District Health Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Dean of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dr. K.R. Dakshayini and District Surgeon Dr. Amarnath.

Joining the team are Joint Director of Food and Civil Supplies Kumuda, Joint Director of District Industries and Commerce Dinesh, Deputy Director of Horticulture Manjunath, District Officer of Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Raghavendra, Social Welfare Officer Rangegowda, KSRTC Divisional Controller (Rural) Srinivas, Regional Transport Officer(RTO-West) Devika, RTO East Shafiuddin, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations Ashok Kumar and Assistant Director T.K. Harish Kumar.

These Officers have been entrusted with the task of rescuing Mysureans trapped in the landslides affected areas, along with supplying medical equipment and food kits, besides opening a Control Room to provide related information & arranging vehicles to ferry the injured persons and supply food packets, blankets and daily essentials to survivors.

From Mysuru district

That apart, a Medical Emergency Team including doctors from Mysuru district, have been sent to Wayanad, to provide medical assistance to the survivors of a series of landslides that have rocked the region.

The team of doctors left for Wayanad, through Bavali Check-Post at the Karnataka-Kerala border in the Mysuru district on Wednesday morning.

The team includes — Surgeon Dr. Srinivas from Government Hospital in H.D. Kote, Physician Dr. Nageshwara Rao from Government Hospital in T. Narasipur, Medical Officer Dr. Sheshadri from Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Belur and Senior Pharmacy Officer Umesh from Government Hospital in H.D. Kote, according to Divisional Joint Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, Mysuru Division.

Assistant Commissioner of Hunsur Sub-Division Venkataraju, Tahsildar Srinivas and Taluk Health Officer, H.D. Kote, Dr. Ravikumar, Dr Varsha, Senior Health Inspectors Nagendra and Raviraj, Revenue Inspector Ghouse were present.

From Chamarajanagar district

From Chamarajanagar district, the team includes Dr. Alim Pasha, Taluk Health Officer, Gundlupet, Dr. Mahesh, Paediatrician, Government Hospital, Gundlupet, Dr. Triveni, Physician, Government Hospital, Gundlupet, Dr. Sridhar, Anaesthesiologist, Government Hospital, Yalandur, Dr. Teena, Obstetrics and Gynaecologist, Government Hospital, Yalandur, Dr. Raju, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Sub-Division Hospital, Kollegal, Dr. Sandeep, Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Hangala, Mahadevaswamy, Nursing Officer, Government Hospital, Gundlupet and Basavegowda, Hospital Attendant, Government Hospital, Gundlupet.

District Administration collects necessary items for rescue operation

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (SBD&KS)- The Mysuru District Administration has come forward to help neighbouring State Kerala, where a series of landslides killed hundreds of people and rendered many homeless at Wayanad.

Following instruction from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to render help in Wayanad, the Mysuru District Administration with help from donors is ready to provide help. On instruction from Deputy Commissioner and following an order from Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner, a Disaster Management Room (DMR) has been established at the MCC main office and necessary items, equipment is being collected from donors.

MCC Zone-3 Commissioner T.S. Sathyamurthy (Mob: 97313-98207) and Revenue Officer M. Basavanna (Mob: 90083-80777) have been deployed as Nodal Officers of the DMR.

Nodal Officer Sathyamurthy said that no instructions have been given to collect food items and those willing to donate can provide steel cutters, gas cutters, stretchers, beds, industrial lights, torches, raincoats, sweaters, jerkins, bed sheets and other such items to the DMR, which will be sent to Wayanad.

The MCC Zone-3 officials and staff have collected four steel cutters worth Rs. 40,000 and Zone-2 officials and staff have collected 1,100 hand gloves and 1,050 masks which have been handed over to the DMR.

The Joint Director of the Department of Commerce and Industries has sent 2,040 napkins, 504 hand sanitisers, 1,000 masks, 288 gumboots and 1,008 hand gloves.

Amigo Hyper Market at Dattagalli has given two gas cutters and Narasimhegowda, a businessman from Ramakrishnanagar has provided one steel cutting machine.

Obituary

P. Basavaraju

Mysuru, Aug. 2- P. Basavaraju (72), retired Dy.SP and a resident of Police Layout, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city.

A native of Chatnahallipalya village in the taluk, he is survived by his wife Kanthamani, sons JSS Mahavidyapeetha Deputy Director Ashok Palya and advocate Abhishek Palya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place this afternoon.

Dr. N.R. Ramachandrarao

Dr. N.R. Ramachandrarao (92), retired Traffic Warden and a resident of Jayanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Naveen

Naveen (60), President of Vagdevi Souharda Bank, Director of Basava Balaga Chamundipuram Sangha and a resident of JP Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Savitha, son Hardik and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this noon.

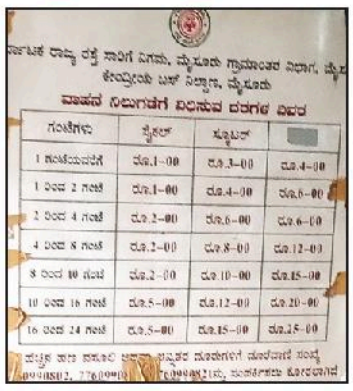
Rachamma

Rachamma (95), a resident of Goddanapura Maralur village in Nanjangud taluk, passed away at the village on Tuesday.

She leaves behind one daughter, son-in-law, grand-children, great grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the family's farm on Wednesday afternoon.

VOICE OF THE READER

Parking fee at Sub-Urban Bus Stand



Sir,

The stipulated parking fee displayed at the entry/exit point in the basement of the Sub-Urban Bus Stand is not being adhered to by the parking contractor's staff. They are charging motorists double the amount displayed, claiming that the chart is outdated.

We hope that the KSRTC authorities concerned will address this issue to ensure passenger satisfaction. Additionally, clear markings should be provided for parking, as staff are currently dragging vehicles to fit in as many as possible. This often leads to damage and scratches, apart from making it difficult for owners to retrieve their vehicles.

— **S. Rajendra**
Mysuru
30.7.2024

Swarnotsava-2024

Jewellery Shopping Festival begins in city

Office-bearers of Shroff Varthakara Sangha releasing the posters of Swarnotsava-2024 at Patrakarthara Bhavana in the city yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (BS)- Shroff Varthakara Sangha (Jewellers Association of Mysore) has organised 'Swarnotsava-2024', a grand jewellery shopping festival from Aug. 1 to Sept.9 at select jewellery shops in the city.

Customers who buy jewellery during the 40-day jewellery festival that includes the auspicious occasion of *Varamahalakshmi* and *Gowri-Ganesha* festival, stand the opportunity of winning attractive prizes and gifts.

With Shroff Varthakara Sangha celebrating its 80th anniversary, the Swarnotsava this year is organised on a grand scale, with Vibha Events entrusted with the task of making the arrangements. Most of the jewellery shops, numbering about 100, spread over urban and rural areas of the district and nearby towns, are participating in this special festival. Those customers who shop jewellery worth above Rs. 5,000 will be given Swarnotsava coupon.

President of Shroff Varthakara Sangha Amarnath said that during this auspicious season, it is a rare opportunity for those willing to buy jewellery. They will be given gift coupons, on every purchase of jewellery as per the bill amount, along with prizes.

Sangha Secretary Adarsha Murthy said, the bumper prize winner can drive home a car, while lucky others shall be getting gold and silver coins.

Sangha Joint Secretary Harsha Tholasi said, jewels are prime attractions in every traditional festival and celebrations. Most families prefer to shop jewellery during the festivals. Rakshitha Lokesh of Vibha Events also spoke at the press meet.

Job Fair in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (GA&DM)- Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled will be organising a Job Fair for unemployed youths from 9 am to 2 pm tomorrow (Aug.3) at Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College on Valmiki Road in city.

Trust head P.V. Subash Chandra said more than 25 companies and about 1,500 youths aged between 18 and 35 years are expected to take part.

Candidates having qualifications from SSLC to PG degree and even physically challenged candidates can attend along with their academic records and 5 passport size photographs. For details, call Mob: 96201- 69867.

MUDA site allotment scam

Cabinet advises Guv to withdraw notice to CM Siddaramaiah

Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Aug. 2 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Council of Ministers, led by Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, decided on Thursday to "strongly advise the Governor to withdraw the (show-cause) notice" and reject the application filed by activist T.J. Abraham against CM Siddaramaiah regarding Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam.

The decision followed a marathon meeting of the Council lasting over four hours. Speaking to reporters, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar described the show-cause notice as "political" and driven by *mala fide* intentions. "We are confident that the Governor will be sensible as we have sent a detailed reply," he said, adding that the notice violated several legal precedents.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had recused himself from the meeting held to discuss the notice issued against him and authorised the Deputy CM to chair the meeting. Shivakumar expressed confidence that the Governor would withdraw the notice.

Abraham had filed the complaint seeking sanction for prosecution on July 26 at around 11 am. Though the government had responded to the complaint and submitted a report through the Chief Secretary on the same evening, the Governor decided to issue a notice shortly after on the same day.

The Governor had sought a response from Siddaramaiah on allegations related to the distribution of sites by MUDA, including to his wife B.M. Parvathi.

Shivakumar called the show-cause notice a "destruction of democracy."

He said the Cabinet discussed the issue of the show-cause notice to the Chief Minister in detail. "Taking note of the entire factual matrix as well as the well-settled legal position, the Cabinet has unanimously resolved to advise the Governor to withdraw the show-cause notice," he added.

"There is neither any investigation nor any evidence to suggest that the Chief Minister is involved in the MUDA irregularities. How can a democratically elected Chief Minister be accused in such a scenario? This is a conspiracy to bring down a Chief Minister who came to power with a massive majority. This is a murder of democracy," he lashed out.

Shivakumar further questioned why the Governor was "acting in haste." "Mere filing of a complaint is not enough; evidence is needed before proceeding with any action. But in this case, the Governor has issued a show-cause notice even before any investigation is initiated," he stated.

CM stays away from Cabinet meeting

Bengaluru, Aug. 2 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah skipped the Cabinet meeting that discussed the show-cause notice issued to him by the Governor, which demanded an explanation as to why prosecution sanction should not be accorded in connection with alleged MUDA scam.

According to Law Minister H.K. Patil, Siddaramaiah missed the meeting because it was slated to discuss allegations involving his family.

"To prevent bias in decision-making, it was decided that he (Siddaramaiah) should be kept out of the Cabinet meeting. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar was authorised by him to head the Cabinet meeting. We discussed the show-cause notice issued to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by Governor. This is likely the first time in Karnataka's history that a Chief Minister was kept out of a Cabinet meeting," H.K. Patil said.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara added, "The Cabinet meeting has to happen in his (Siddaramaiah's) absence. We (Ministers) requested him not to attend (the Cabinet meeting)."

Mysuru Chalo Padayatra from Bengaluru tomorrow: BJP State incharge Agarwal

After Union Minister HDK's resentment, saffron party keeps ex-Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda away from *padayatra*

New Delhi, Aug. 2 (Agencies)- A day after Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) announced that his party JD(S) won't support *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* from Bengaluru, planned by BJP, the alliance partner in the State, taking severe exception to former Hassan MLA Preetham J. Gowda being a part of the *padayatra*, BJP Karnataka Incharge Radha Mohan Das Agarwal has clarified that, Preetham Gowda won't be playing any role in the *padayatra*.

Taking note of Kumaraswamy's announcement, that was rather bitter, BJP High Command that met in the capital on Thursday, decided to take out the *padayatra*, as scheduled from tomorrow (Aug. 3), under the leadership of its Karnataka BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra.

Addressing the news conference, Agarwal said, all the leaders of BJP-JD(S) combine will be taking part in the *padayatra*, along with MLAs and MPs, in protest against the scams at MUDA and Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation Ltd.

Union Minister HDK and former CM B.S. Yediyurappa will kick-start the *padayatra* at NICE Road junction on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road at 8.30 am, he said.

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CNNL engineers allay fears over leakage in Kabini Dam

Repair works to be taken as per the recommendations of Expert Divers Committee in February or May 2025

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (SBD&BS)- Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd (CNNL) engineers have allayed fears over leakage of water in sluice valves at the opening of right bank canal of Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote, by stating that, it has been occurring for the past several years, but there is no threat to the Dam.

Following a video that went viral in social networking sites about leakage of water from Chief Engineer, Irrigation Division, CNNL and Superintending Engineer, Kabini and Varuna Canal Circle, CNNL engineers have issued a clarification to media.

"There is no seepage of water in the main portion of Kabini Dam, except for the opening of the right bank canal for the past several years. An expert committee has already submitted its report in this regard and the repair works will be taken up, once the water level recedes," the CNNL engineers have stated.

The leakage in sluice valves has been occurring for the last three years. However, the water is clean, on the basis of which, it is surmised that, there won't be any threat to the safety of the Dam, according to the report submitted by experts. However, they have advised constant check on the leakage through CCTV surveillance and video record and the measures have been taken accordingly. The leakage is high whenever the water level is high and falls down whenever there is a dip in water level.

Following recommendations of Drip Nodal Officer, remote operated underwater robotic surveillance and diver operated underwater videography has been conducted.

On July 29 this year, expert divers carried out underwater surveillance to fix the leakage and have submitted a report along with estimated cost. The report has been verified and the repair works will be taken up in February or May 2025, during the time of which, water level dips, the release added.

Kabini Dam is safe: DKS

Bengaluru, Aug. 2 (KMS&BS)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS), who holds Water Resources portfolio, has clarified that, no cracks have appeared in Kabini Dam and hence there is no threat to the Dam.

Referring to media reports about the cracks in Kabini Dam, the Deputy CM said, those residing in river banks are in the grip of fear.

However, there is nothing to fear about, as the Government is very much concerned about the safety of the structure. With the river flowing at dangerous level, those living in river banks should stay safe, without venturing out, for no reasons. By Thursday evening, over 100 TMC ft of water has been released to Tamil Nadu, added DKS.

Saying that, he would pray for peace to departed souls of those who died in landslides in Kerala, Shivakumar assured full cooperation of the Government, to help that State and also the residents in this grave situation.

KRS Dam records 101.15 tmcft inflow from July 1 to Aug. 1

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For comparison, the total inflow into KRS Dam throughout 2023 (throughout the year) was only 78 tmcft, highlighting the remarkable nature of 101.15 tmcft received in July 2024. The Dam never got filled up in 2023. The high inflows and timely water releases in 2024 have been crucial in managing the water supply and mitigating potential flooding risks or drought situations in the region.

Due to the excessive inflow, the KRS Dam released over 75 tmcft of water into the Cauvery River in July this year to maintain the Dam's safety, as it cannot sustain water levels beyond its maximum capacity of 124.80 feet.

This release has notably alleviated the water crisis in the Cauvery basin, benefiting downstream regions including Mandya, Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu.

Authorities from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) are closely monitoring the situation to ensure the safe and optimal operation of the KRS Dam during the ongoing monsoon season.

Kodagu chief contributor for excess rain: The KRS Dam's high inflows are primarily due to heavy rainfall in its main catchment areas of Kodagu. Bhagamandala and Napoklu in Madikeri Taluk and Shanthalli in Somwarpet Taluk, received substantial rainfall from July 1 to July 31, with Bhagamandala recording 1,612 mm, Shanthalli 1,700 mm and Napoklu 1,583 mm rainfall.

From June 1 to Aug. 1, 2024, Kodagu received a total of 1,761 mm of rain, surpassing the normal rainfall of 1,417 mm for this period by 24 percent. The cumulative rainfall from Jan.1 to Aug. 1, 2024 was 2,080 mm, exceeding the normal 1,670 mm by 25 percent.

June 2024 saw Kodagu receiving 435 mm of rainfall, which was 18 percent below the normal 534 mm. However, rainfall in July was significantly above average, with the district recording 1,284 mm against the normal 859 mm — a 49 percent increase.

Notably, from July 26 to Aug. 1, Kodagu received 428 mm of rain, a staggering 129 percent above the normal 187 mm.

Taluk-wise data for July 2024 indicates substantial increases across the region

- **Madikeri Taluk:** 1,583.6 mm received against a normal of 1,045.7 mm, a 51 percent increase.
- **Somwarpet Taluk:** 1,307.3 mm received against a normal of 645.7 mm, a 102 percent increase.
- **Virajpet Taluk:** 1,143.7 mm received against a normal of 737.9 mm, a 55 percent increase.
- **Kushalnagar Taluk:** 772.4 mm received against a normal of 208.3 mm, a 271 percent increase.
- **Ponnampet Taluk:** 1,100.0 mm received against a normal of 713.3 mm, a 54 percent increase.

Road connecting Wellesley Bridge washed away

Srirangapatna, Aug. 2 (BS)- The two centuries old Wellesley Bridge in Srirangapatna has submerged, with river Cauvery flowing in full spate, damaging the retaining wall of the road connecting the bridge and washing away the road, severely inconveniencing the nearby villagers.

Following torrential rains in Cauvery basin, Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, that has reached its brim, is discharging heavy quantity of water. The outflow from the Dam to Cauvery River on Wednesday night was a whopping 1.72 lakh cusecs of water, following the impact of which, Wellesley Bridge built across River Cauvery 200 years ago was submerged. If the situation continues, it may pose further danger, according to sources in Department of Water Resources.

The knee-high flood water is overflowing on Kirangur Road that connects the bridge, aggravating the situation further. It is a redux of the situation that had been witnessed, 13 years after the construction works of KRS Dam began, during the time of which, there was severe floods due to heavy rains in Cauvery basin as 2.9 lakh cusecs of water was released into Cauvery River at that time. It is still considered as the biggest flood ever in the history of Cauvery River, as 11-feet high flood water was flowing above KRS Dam, which was still under construction. Wellesley Bridge had also submerged at that time, it is said. On the other hand, the remnants of several hundred years old Srirangapatna fort including the dungeons are falling in parts, due to rains.

During the tenure of MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah in 2019, the retaining wall of Wellesley Bridge had been washed away in the strong current of Cauvery River, a day after he carried out the inspection, by standing on the same wall, to take stock of the situation, in view of the flood threat. Since then, no action was taken to rebuild the retaining wall. Now, the retaining wall of the road has collapsed, triggering anxious moments.

Following the incident, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara, conducted the spot inspection.

Rs. 100 crore Road Under Bridges project to ease traffic on Ring Road

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (RK&BCT)- The construction of four Road Under Bridges (RUB) along the 41.5-kilometre Outer Ring Road (National Highway-275 K) in Mysuru has begun.

Railway tracks intersect the roads at four locations and the Road Under Bridges are being constructed at a cost of Rs. 100 crore, sanctioned by the Central Government.

These locations are the RBI Junction area, near Belavatha at the Mysuru-Bengaluru double railway track, near the Royal Inn Junction at the KRS Road-Ring Road Mysuru-Arsikere railway level crossing, and between H.D. Kote Road and Nanjangud Road near J.P. Nagar.

The works have been taken up by the Karnataka Public Works Department's National Highway (NH) Division. Bengaluru-based Siddhartha Construction Company has been awarded the tender for all four Road Under Bridge projects.

The Outer Ring Road was developed and constructed by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in a phased manner and was later handed over to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

About a year-and-a-half ago, the then MP Prathap Simha pursued the matter with the Centre and met Union Minister for Transport Nitin Gadkari and other officials to secure the Rs. 100 crore sanction and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) approval for the two-way traffic plan to solve the traffic problems caused by the one-way traffic.

Officials have stated that, the work is progressing slowly due to need to seek clearances from Railway Division and respective State Government Departments and to make arrangements for ongoing rain and vehicle traffic. The work is expected to take another year to complete. Every day, 40 to 50 workers are working on each RUB, and arrangements have to be made to avoid disrupting traffic, which is causing delays, according to officials from the NH Division.

Once the RUBs are built at all four locations, not only will the traffic problems on Ring Road be resolved, but the vehicle movement on the goods railway track route carrying raw materials to the RBI Paper Mill will also be free from obstruction.

Janandolana Public Rally from Bidadi today to counter *Mysuru Chalo*

Mysuru/ Bengaluru, Aug. 2 (Agencies)- To condemn the injustice being meted out to Karnataka by the BJP-led NDA Government at the Centre and to protest against the corruptions during the tenure of previous BJP and JD(S) Governments in the State, Congress party has launched *Janandolana* public rallies beginning from Bidadi near Bengaluru in the State from today.

According to a communiqué released by KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar (DKS), public rallies will be held at Ramanagara on Aug. 3, Channapatna on Aug. 4, Maddur on Aug. 5, Mandya on Aug.6 and Mysuru on Aug. 9.

All senior leaders of the party, Ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, former Ministers, former legislators, 2024 Lok Sabha poll candidates, 2023 Assembly poll candidates, KPCC office-bearers, District and Block Congress Committee Presidents, former BBMP Corporators and local body representatives, are instructed to attend the rally without fail, the communiqué added.

Against Mysuru Chalo

The series of public rallies planned by Congress is seen as a counter to *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* by BJP-JD(S) combine from Bengaluru, that kicks off tomorrow (Aug. 3) and concludes on Aug. 10 in Mysuru.

The Congress has chosen the venue of its rallies on Bengaluru-Mysuru route, one day prior to *Mysuru Chalo,* to expose the corruptions of BJP and JD(S).

DKS says...

In an emergency press meet convened at his Sadashivanagar bungalow in Bengaluru last night, DKS said, 'we will raise the corruptions reported during BJP Government in the State and inform people about them. BJP leaders should answer to those queries.'

During the rallies, we will also tell the people about how BJP is making relentless efforts to destabilise Congress Government in the State, added Shivakumar.

I'm not afraid of any notice: Chief Minister

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CM Siddaramaiah labelled social activist T.J. Abraham, who petitioned the Governor for his prosecution, as a blackmailer. He questioned why the Governor had asked senior bureaucrat L.K. Atheeq to receive the notice the same evening (July 26) that the complaint was filed, without verifying the facts.

He also inquired why the notice was issued with such haste when complaints against BJP leaders like Shashikala Jolle, Murugesh Nirani and Janardhana Reddy remain unresolved. CM reiterated that he is not intimidated by anyone or anything.

Responding to a query about Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's shifting stance on supporting the BJP-led Bengaluru-Mysuru *Padayatra* against the MUDA site scam, Siddaramaiah noted that Kumaraswamy initially opposed the *Padayatra*, possibly because he believed there was no valid case against Siddaramaiah.

Kumaraswamy had reportedly advised the BJP that it was not the right time for the *Padayatra* due to severe floods and rain-related disasters affecting the State.

"It seems Kumaraswamy did not extend JD(S) support to the *Padayatra* voluntarily. Regardless, I and my Government are prepared to face the Opposition's tactics and the Governor's actions," Siddaramaiah said, once again denying any involvement in the MUDA scam.

KSRTC electric bus veers off road; 22 passengers safe

Kushalnagar, Aug. 2 (AG&BCT)- Over 22 passengers had a narrow escape when a KSRTC electric bus veered off the road and crashed into a slope near Suntikoppa in Kodagu district this morning. Fortunately, a coffee estate fence prevented the vehicle from toppling into the plantation.

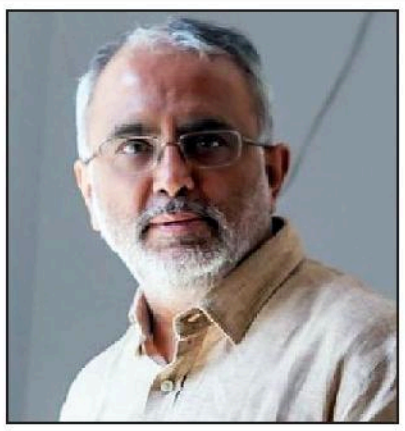
The KSRTC's Power Plus electric bus was heading to Bengaluru via Mysuru. Near Kodagarahalli, a jeep overtaking a car from the opposite direction forced the bus driver to swerve left to avoid a direct collision. Despite the manoeuvre, the bus hit the jeep's side and veered off the road due to rain and slippery conditions.

The speeding bus skidded in roadside slush and fell into the slope area beside the road. The impact catapulted passengers from their seats, causing many on the right side to fall onto the left side seats and the floor.

Local villagers and commuters quickly came to the passengers' aid, helping them exit through the emergency door as the main door was jammed against the ground. A ladder used for pepper picking was employed to help passengers reach the ground safely.

While passengers escaped with minor bruises and sprains, another Airavata-class bus arrived from Madikeri to continue their journey after two-hour delay.

Journalism in the time of Fake News, propaganda and mass delusion



By Krishna Prasad
Senior Journalist

Mysuru-based senior journalist Krishna Prasad, former Group Editorial Officer, 'The Hindu' and former Editor-in-Chief, 'Outlook,' delivered ***H.Y. Sharada Prasad*** *Birth Centenary Commemorative Talk on the topic* ***'Journalism in the time of fake news, propaganda & mass delusion'*** *at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar on Apr. 21, 2024.*

'Star of Mysore' is publishing the excerpts of Krishna Prasad's talk in continuation of the article ***'All about fake news you always wanted to know but hesitated to ask'*** *written by Dr. Shalini R. Urs, Founder-Chairperson, MYRA School of Business, Mysuru and published in 'SOM' dated July 30.* ***Excerpts:***

> "If your media vehicle is merely reporting "live" what this politician or that is saying, if it does not cross-check every claim (of this or that politician) at every level, if it does not provide context and clarity, it is serving you poorly in these challenging times."

Although the term "fake news" is on everybody's lips these days, it is by no means new. It has been around for a long time. The term *"noble falsehood"* goes as far back as 380 BC to Athens in Greece. In **Plato**'s *Republic*, the "noble falsehood" is proposed by **Socrates** and refers to any myth or fiction that binds a society or nation together.

In 17th century Paris, there was this version of fake news: the *"canard"* which were broadsides printed with an engraving. Remember **Marie Antoinette,** the French Queen who famously said: "If they can't have bread, let them eat cake?" During the French Revolution, the engravers inserted the face of Marie Antoinette in one canard. Historians believe that this intentionally fake political propaganda against Marie Antoinette contributed to the pathological hatred of the queen, leading to her execution.

The production of fake, semi-false and true but comprising snippets of news reached a peak in 18th century England, when newspapers began to circulate among a broad public.

In fact, a Christian Priest founded a newspaper called *The Morning Post,* which supplied paragraph upon paragraph of news snippets, much of it fake. In 1784, it ran a paragraph about a gigolo serving Marie Antoinette. The gold-standard in this genre of fake news was set by *The Iron-Plated Gazetteer* in London, which reported a classic one-sentence paragraph and then published an aside:

This fake news outlet would often print a footnote to its scandalous items, which read: **"Half of this article is true."** It was left to the reader to decide which half.

Fake news is not new as a phenomenon. **So, how would a soft, understated Mysurean like Sharada Prasad battle the new demon?**

[Holenarasipur Yoganarasimham Sharada Prasad was a freedom fighter, civil servant, journalist and Media Advisor to three former Prime Ministers — Indira Gandhi, Morarji Desai and Rajiv Gandhi].

Sharada Prasad himself recounted an incident from 1970s which bordered on what might be labelled fake news today:

"There was a European media woman with a formidable reputation as an interviewer who wanted to meet Mrs. Gandhi **soon after the Emergency (1975)** had been declared. She had interviewed her earlier. But this time around, Mrs. Gandhi was not keen to be interviewed for obvious reasons. The lady went ahead, nevertheless, and concocted answers to a set of questions. By way of providing colour and authenticity, she described how she and Mrs. Gandhi walked hand in hand down the stately staircase of South Block. And there, at the entrance of the building was a beggar and a convenient cow which dropped its dung on the beggar as if on cue the moment the Prime Minister appeared. And our correspondent added dramatically: 'Indira Gandhi muttered, "This is democracy" and I felt her fingers dig into the palm of my hand'."

Sharada Prasad does not tell us how the Indira Gandhi Government hit back at the celebrity interviewer.

However, what this incident reveals to us — as indeed several others in its long history do — is that **there was something sanguine about fake news in the past.** They were gossipy, scurrilous, titillating, yes, but mostly harmless and certainly not evil, devious or dangerous.

But, the fake news scourge democracies are dealing with today is entirely different in its methods, magnitude and motives. Today you have entire Government Departments and political organisations dedicated to the task of fabricating and disseminating lies on an industrial scale.

Unlike a few hundred or a few thousand people receiving fake news in a small geographical area in the past, you have entire cities, countries and continents which are susceptible, with large masses of people instantly receiving it on their phones and digital devices.

Unlike the prurient tastes of a few citizens being quenched by a paragraph of fake news on a sexual peccadillo, you now have deadly real-world consequences: bigotry, hatred, lynchings, killings, wars, ostracism, ethnic and religious genocide.

And, unlike just a few peddlers with the resources to publish fake news, you now have hundreds of millions of people with the power to **spread the misinformation and disinformation** to every corner of the globe straight from their pockets and at almost no cost.

Never have democracies faced a bigger challenge to distinguish right from wrong, good from bad, fact from fiction and truth from lie.

What enables this is technology, usually owned by big corporations, and usually available in abundance to the highest bidder. And what facilitates this are the user-friendly platforms whose algorithms — unlike the *"noble falsehood"* of ancient Greece which was aimed at keeping society together — **are designed to incite and divide.**

Which is why, when **Jair Bolsanaro** — a divisive, misogynistic, homophobic, anti-minority, anti-migrant, pro-business, climate change denier — entered the office of President of Brazil in 2019, the crowds were not cheering him, his party or his running mate. Instead, they were shouting, *"Facebook, Facebook, Facebook,"* and *"WhatsApp, WhatsApp, WhatsApp"*. Reason: It was his online campaign on those platforms, funded by that country's conservative business lobby, which endlessly forwarded and re-forwarded his bile and propaganda that had put him in power.

This is called "computational propaganda" and its impact on democracies is now an established fact in a number of democracies: Britain, Germany and India that is Bharat.

Just two Indian examples will suffice. The first example is from Mirza Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. In August 2013, a year before the 2014 general elections. It resulted in Hindu-Muslim clashes. Over 50 people died and over 40,000 people fled their homes.

This is a textbook case of the dastardly directions that fake news can take. In truth, the video that was shared was not from Muzaffarnagar. It was from faraway Afghanistan. But the skilful editing of the video was enough to set the Jat belt on fire.

The second example is from all over India. Between January 2017 and May 2018, at least 39 people were killed across the country in incidents of mob lynchings. This was spurred by rumours that child-lifters were on the prowl. In every incident, a video of the abductors at work in that village or town was put to use.

No longer do the State and the media elites have a monopoly on public opinion. Now everyone has the power to be their own **Murdoch, Churchill** or **Goebbels.**

Little wonder, then, that the World Economic Forum's 2024 *Global Risk Report* says India faces the highest risk of misinformation and disinformation this year.

So, in this avalanche of fake news and propaganda, what can journalism do when all the bullets in the revolver — government, political parties, giant corporations, technology platforms, a hypnotised citizenry — are loaded against it?

The primary task of credible news media today is fact-checking. Every statement, every claim, every boast, every promise, every assurance needs to be filtered, evaluated and weighed before being published or aired. The days of journalists acting as the servile stenographers to power and their mindless couriers to the masses, is over.

Every reporter, every editor has to be a fact-checker of every story if our democracy is not to disintegrate and die under the weight of plain white lies.

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H.Y. Sharada Prasad Birth Centenary Commemorative Talk on Journalism

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Prof. Jason Stanley of Yale University, who has written landmark books on fascism and propaganda, describes propaganda thus: **"The language of democratic ideals takes on corrupted opposite meanings. Corrupt politicians run anti-corruption campaigns; freedom of speech claims are used to suppress speech."** On all the big talking points today, national, regional or local, the media needs to employ the same critical lens instead of mindlessly amplifying lies.

The media scholar **George Brock** spells out the role for journalism more precisely in his book, *Out of Print - Newspapers, Journalism and the Business of News in the Digital Age:*

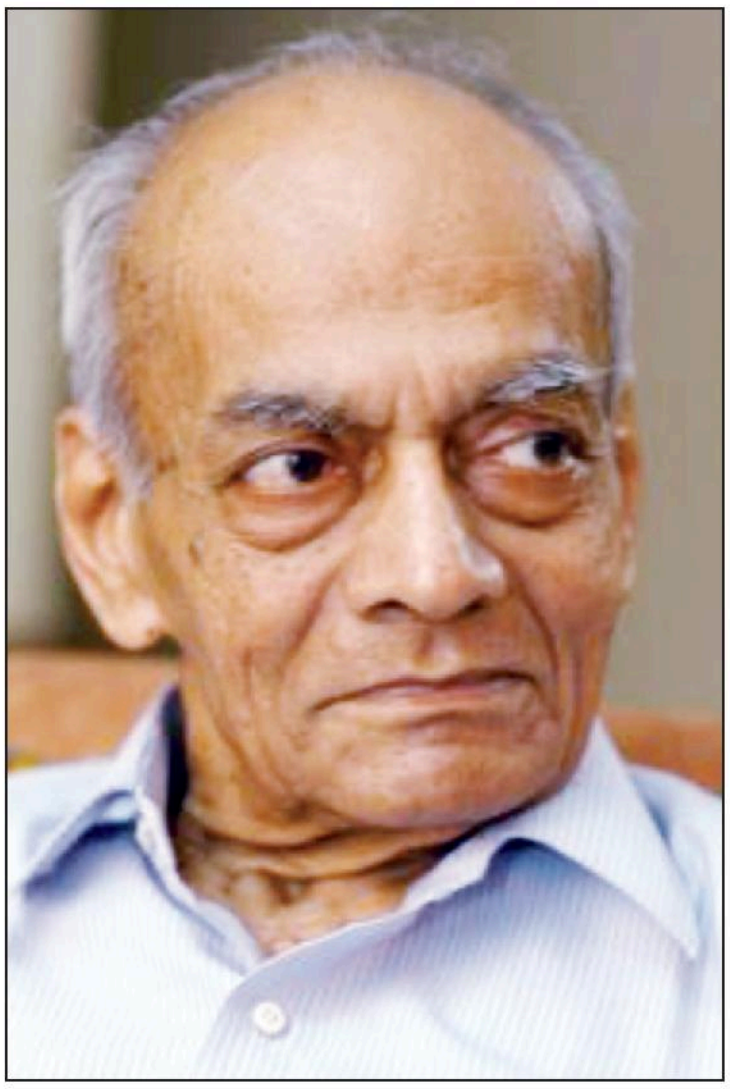
"Journalism is the systematic attempt to **establish the truth of what matters to society in time** for that information to be useful. The activities that define journalism still matter even if the context in which they are done has changed. There are **four core tasks** that journalism should perform, which can be better done by people trained and experienced in this work. The four tasks are: **verification, sense-making, witness** and **investigation.** These are the irreducible core of what can be distinguished as journalism and they are the basis of the trust on which it relies."

Sharada Prasad, the Media Advisor, would heartily agree: we journalists must check, cross-check and double-check. Sharada Prasad got the timeline wrong. The European journalist was not writing about an encounter with Indira Gandhi after the Emergency, but well before, three years before.

Why a punctilious man like Sharada Prasad would get the details of such a story wrong is not for us to guess, but this is precisely what we journalists need to do, in everything we do, when lies are being spun at a frightening scale: **check, cross-check, double-check.**

As **Nicholas Kristof** of *The New York Times* says, "We (journalists) should be in the lighting business, not the heating business." But you should not leave this onerous task to us journalists alone. You, and I mean each one of you, as a media consumer must demand more from your newspapers, news channels and news websites.

If your media vehicle is merely reporting "live" what this politician or that is saying, if it does not cross-check every claim at every level, if it does not provide context and clarity, it is serving you poorly in these challenging times. It is serving some other master, not you the reader and viewer. Just having a small corner for "fact-checking" is no longer sufficient.



H.Y. Sharada Prasad, former Media Advisor to Indira Gandhi.

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The deleterious impact of fabricated news and relentless propaganda is most visible in *WhatsApp* groups. **Family groups, army officers groups, music appreciation groups, alumni association groups, none are spared from its horrors.** Seemingly reasonable adults are being supplied the daily fodder to delude themselves and delude others, and to run down those who disagree with their stunted view of the world. So, what can you as a responsible citizen do to stop the tide?

In Kannur, Kerala, government schools from class VIII to class XII have a daily class on how to detect fake news. The lesson that the children learn — "Check it first. Check it yourself. Do not forward recklessly" — is one that every adult in this room can imbibe. Merely because something appeared on a website which somebody forwarded to you does not make it true.

Caught in the maelstrom, journalists have become the object of much abuse and derision today, both at the hands of news-makers and news-consumers. This is mostly for partisan reasons. In a deeply polarised India, for most citizens who wear their ideology on their sleeve, newspapers and news channels and news websites are no more than a device to validate their own view of the world.

When their view and that of their media vehicle concur, there is praise and acceptance. When the two clash, there is ridicule and rejection. But as the great **Gabriel Garcia Marquez,** who proudly called himself a journalist even after winning the Nobel Prize for Literature, said 70 years ago: **"Journalism is a biological necessity of humanity." He called journalism as "the world's best profession." Like it or leave it, you need journalism.**

Bharatanatyam recitals at Ganabharathi tomorrow

Amrutha Bhat

Avani Shandilya

Mysuru, Aug. 2- Naatya Sabha, Mysuru, has organised a programme of Bharatanatyam recitals on Aug. 3 at Rama Govind Kalavedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar at 5.30 pm. Amrutha Bhat from Bengaluru and Avani Shandilya from New York, USA, will present solo performances.

Profile

Amrutha Bhat is a multifaceted and talented artiste bestowed with the graceful artforms of Dance and Music. Being a student of Nrityagiri, Mysuru, Amrutha is imbibed with techniques of traditional Bharatanatyam in Pandanallur style from Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke. She holds Master's Degree in Bharatanatyam from Fine Arts College, University of Mysore.

Amrutha is a recipient of CCRT scholarship and also a scholarship awarded by Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy, Government of Karnataka. She has successfully accomplished Vidwath in Bharatanatyam from KSEEB and is ably guided by Guru Vidu. Girijamma in Karnatak classical music.

Avani Shandilya is a 12-year-old talented Bharatanatyam dancer from New York. She has blossomed into a solo artiste under the tutelage of her Gurus Dr. Sanjay Shantaram of Bengaluru and Lakshmi Priya Raja of Chennai. She is learning Karnatak music from her Gurus Ranjini Venimadhavan and Sampath Venimadhavan.

An avid and accomplished flutist, she has been blessed with opportunities to perform in many countries including USA, Canada, Greece and India. She debuted her first solo Margam in Sri Parthasarathy Sabha, Chennai, in 2022 at the age of 11.

One of the youngest Indian Raga Fellow, she has presented solo programmes in many prestigious venues like Athens Dance Festival, The Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival, Marghazhi in San Francisco, World Culture Festival, Washington DC, Balance Art Centre New York, Seva Sadan, Bengaluru, Bramha Gana Sabha, Chennai, Melapattur Auditorium, Guruvayurappan Temple, Kerala, Jaganmohan Palace, Mysuru and many more.

'Aralu Prathibhe' Classical Music Concert by Vidu. Anjana

Vidu. Anjana

Vid. T. Yashaswi

Vid. Nandan Kashyap

Mysuru, Aug. 2- Surabhi Ganakalamandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be conducting a Karnatak classical music concert by Vidu. Anjana Nagaraja, on Aug. 4 at 6 pm at Rasavrinda, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, under its 'Aralu Prathibhe' programme. She will be accompanied by Vid. Tumakuru Yashaswi on violin and Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga.

Profile: Anjana Nagaraja from Namma Mysuru is presently residing in Atlanta, G.A. She is a disciple of eminent musician, Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, and has also been trained under Violin maestro Ganesh Rajagopalan, for 2 years. She is the founder of 'Mahathi Music Academy,' a Karnataka Shastriya Sangeetha institute that trains interested students of all ages.

Anjana completed Vidwat in Music and has a Master's degree in South Indian Classical Music and M.Sc. in Biotechnology. A graded artiste of All India Radio, she has performed in several prestigious organisations, according to a press release from A. Keshava Saralaya.

Karun Nair to lead MYSORE WARRIORS

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (VNS)- Mysuru Warriors, one of franchises of KSCA Maharaja Trophy 2024, have announced Karun Nair as the Captain of the team for the third consecutive year. Karun led the Warriors to the finals of tournament in the last season.

Having made his international debut on 2016, Karun Nair is the second ever triple-centurion in test cricket for India after Virender Sehwag.

"I am ecstatic to be selected as the Captain for Mysore Warriors. Having played for the country, I look forward to nurture the team's skilled, budding players, and giving my best both on and off the field. As this is my third year as team captain of Mysore Warriors, I hope to lead my team to victory at the Maharaja Trophy and make everyone proud", said Karun Nair.

Meanwhile, Arjun Ranga, Owner, Mysore Warriors and Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi said, *"We are thrilled to announce Karun Nair as the Team Captain of Mysore Warriors. Karun Nair's exceptional cricketing abilities and knowledge makes him a unique leader and I am confident that he will contribute to the team's development and success. We are looking forward to seeing the team achieve victory under the strong leadership. I am sure that he will push the players to new heights during t he tournament.*

The Mysore Warriors team has started its preparations for this year's tournament under the watchful eyes of Assistant Coaches Vijay Madyalkar and Aditya B. Sagar at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri.

Mysore Warriors Head Coach Rx Murali will be joining the team shortly soon after the conclusion of the ongoing Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL). **KSCA Maharaja Trophy will be held at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru from Aug. 15 to Sept.1.**

Paris Olympics - 2024

Swapnil Kusale wins bronze in 50m rifle shooting

Paris, Aug. 2 (Agencies)- In a thrilling display of skill and precision, Indian shooter Swapnil Kusale made history at the Paris 2024 Olympics yesterday clinching the bronze medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final, becoming the third Indian shooter to reach the podium in the ongoing event.

This remarkable achievement follows the success of Manu Bhaker in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team and Sarabjot Singh in the 10m air pistol mixed team events. All three medals have been bronze, marking India's best-ever performance in Olympic shooting.

Kusale's bronze is particularly notable as it makes him the first Indian shooter to win a medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the Olympics.

The 28-year-old, who will turn 29 on Aug. 6, celebrated his upcoming birthday with this incredible achievement. In the final, Kusale posted scores of 153.3 in the kneeling round and 156.8 in the prone round. In the tense standing position elimination stage, he held off strong competition from Czech Republic's shooter to secure his place.

The gold medal was claimed by Liu Yukun of China, who is also the current world record holder with a score of 468.9. Liu won with a total of 463.6, while Ukraine's Serhiy Kulish took silver with 461.3.

City's Alifiya Vagh excels in Natl. Powerlifting Championship

Alifiya Vagh** (centre) **posing with her medals on the podium during the medal ceremony at the Classic National Powerlifting Championship 2024 held at Indore recently.

Mysuru, Aug. 2 (VNS)- Alifiya Vagh of Mysuru won gold and bronze medals at the Classic National Powerlifting Championship 2024 held at Indore in Master-1 (age 40 to 49yrs), 76kg category, recently. This is her 6th consecutive triumph at the national level.

Alifiya won the bronze medal lifting a total of 370kgs - squat 140kgs, bench press 60kgs and deadlift 170kgs and gold in deadlift equalling the current National Record.

Alifiya Vagh is coached in powerlifting by world championship gold medallist Sujay Janardhan of Redcage in Bengaluru and trains under Chandan of Rawbrick in Mysuru.

First in Karate

Mysuru, Aug. 2- **Riva Manya,** a II PUC student of Jnanodaya PU College, who was the sole representative from India and Karnataka, in the 6th International Karate Open Championship 2024 held at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu recently, secured first place in Kumite (under 76 kg category) and first place in Kata (U19 years age category).

Riva Manya emerged as a winner competing with karatekas from Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Oman, Iran and Malaysia. Management Committee, Principal, Teaching and Non-teaching staff and students Jnanodaya PU College have congratulated Riva on her achievement.

INDIA'S SCHEDULE AUGUST 2

PARIS 2024

ARCHERY

MIXED TEAM QUARTER-FINALS (Subject to qualification)	**5.45 pm onwards**
MIXED TEAM BRONZE MEDAL MATCH (Subject to qualification)	**7.54 pm**
MIXED TEAM GOLD MEDAL MATCH (Subject to qualification)	**8.13 pm**

ATHLETICS

WOMEN'S 5000M HEAT 1 **Ankita Dhyani**	**9.40 pm**
WOMEN'S 5000M HEAT 2 **Parul Chaudhary**	**10.06 pm**
MEN'S SHOT PUT QUALIFICATION **Tajinderpal Singh Toor**	**11.40 pm**

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MEN'S SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS **Lakshya Sen** VS **Chou Tien Chen (TPE)**	**6.30 pm**

HOCKEY

MEN'S POOL B **India** VS **Australia**	**4.45 pm**

SAILING

WOMEN'S DINGHY RACE 2 **Nethra Kumanan**	**3.45 pm**
WOMEN'S DINGHY RACE 3 **Nethra Kumanan - followed by race 2**	
WOMEN'S DINGHY RACE 4 **Nethra Kumanan - followed by race 3**	
MEN'S DINGHY RACE 3 **Vishnu Saravanan**	**7.05 pm**
MEN'S DINGHY RACE 4 **Vishnu Saravanan**	**8.15 pm**

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Raayan (Ta)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 10 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-2)	3.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-2)	7 pm
Ishq (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Hebbuli (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Buddy (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Roopantara (K)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7 pm, 9.45 pm

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Raayan (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 7 pm, 9.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	1.30 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	4.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	6.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Idiyan Chandhu (Ma)	:	6.50 pm

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Raayan (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 2.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Ulajh (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.25 am
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	:	12 noon, 4.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	12.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H)	:	5.50 pm
Ishq (K)	:	1.30 pm
Bad Newz (H)	:	4.20 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Bidurbhai (Assamese)	:	7 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	7.15 pm
Raja Babu (H)	:	10 pm

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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.55 am
Raayan (Ta)	:	12 noon, 6.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm, 9 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E)	:	12.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	2.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Hebbuli (K)	:	3.05 pm
Adios Amigo (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 2)

- **Sringeri Sri Shankar Mutt, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Fort Mohalla, Mysuru:** Last Ashada Friday special puja mahotsava, 'Sri Rajarajeshwari Alankara,' cultural programme - Classical Music Concert by Vid. Manmohan Krishnan and party, Mutt premises, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Ashada month special archane to Sri Vishalakshi Devi and Sri Rajarajeshwari Devi, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar expo-cum-sale of Handicrafts and Handloom products, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces, MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath presides, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, VTPC Bengaluru - Director (Exports) and Managing Director B.K. Shivakumar, JSS Mahavidyapeetha General Administration Division Director Shankarappa, O/o DCH Ministry of Textiles, Chennai - Regional Director M. Prabhakaran and HSC, O/o DCH Ministry of Textiles, Mysuru, Assistant Director K.S Sunilkumar, chief guests, Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Last Ashada Friday music programme, Veena recital by Vid. R. K. Padmanabha, accompanied Vid. P. S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V. S. Ramesh on ghata, Sri Avani Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 3)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana to Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Spoorthi, Women's Wing of Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** Inauguration of two-day 'Spoorthi Utsava' by Raghuleela School of Music Director Sunitha Chandrakumar and BAI Mysuru Chairman A.S. Yoganarasimha, **9.30 am,** [Utsava will feature exhibition of sarees, salwar, kurthas, jewellery, home decors, kitchenware, gift items, pottery, handicrafts, food court among others], music programmes, **6 pm onwards,** Jayamma Govinde Gowda Community Hall, Kuvempunagar, **10 am to 8.30 pm.** [Entry is free.]
- **JSS Law College, Mysuru:** 16th Graduation Day, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Supreme Court Justice Sarasa Venkatanarayana Bhatti delivers the graduation day address, Karnataka High Court Justice M.G. Uma presides, Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi, Vice-Chancellor Prof. C. Basavaraju, chief guest, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath administers the oath to the law graduates, College premises, ew Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Vasudevacharya's Heritage House:** Solo violin concert by Vid. S. Arunachala Karthik accompanied by Vid. Trichy S. Gurushyam on mridanga, Heritage House of Mysore K. Vasudevacharya, Agrahara, Mysuru, **10.30 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar expo-cum-sale of Handicrafts and Handloom products, Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 4 pm.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Mysuru-Zone:** Award Function of tournaments conducted during 2022-23 and 2023-24, KSCA Hon. President A. Raghuram Bhat, Hon. Secretary A. Shankar and Hon. Treasurer E.S. Jairam, guests of honour, Nityotsava Convention Centre, near Ballal Circle, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni - 839, story-telling by Dakshinamurthy Krishnakumar, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Malini Nritya Shale Mattu Samskrutika Kendra, Mysuru and Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Vachana Gayana, Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, chief guest, Bharatanatya dance performance by danseuse Dr. Malini, felicitation to art patron N. Shivakumar, Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **Raaga Music Academy:** Decennial celebrations, 99th vocal concert by Vidu. Koviladi Archana L. Rao accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. Tumakuru B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. S.N. Narayana Murthy on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Naatya Sabha, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam solo performances by Amrutha Bhat from Bengaluru and Avani Shandilya from New York, USA, Rama Govind Kalavedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

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Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	11.45 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.05 am
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	11.45 am, 2.50 pm 5.55 pm, 9 pm
Adavi Katte (K)	:	1 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	6.25 pm, 9.45 pm

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